FISCAL NOTE

TO: Chief Clerk of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

FROM: James A. Davenport, Executive Director

DATE: February 26, 1996

SUBJECT: **SB 2742 - HB 2577**

This bill, if enacted, will expand the definition of aggravated assault to include assault against emergency medical or rescue workers while performing an official duty. The bill also adds victims who are paramedics and other emergency workers to the list of aggravating circumstances to increase the penalty for first degree murder to life without parole or death penalty.

The fiscal impact from enactment of this bill is estimated to be an increase in state expenditures of \$63,700 for incarceration*. This estimate is based upon one Class C felony conviction per year receiving a sentence of three years with 30% or 329 days being served at a cost of \$14,700 and three convictions for first degree murder over a ten year period receiving life without parole at a cost of \$49,000.

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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*Section 9-6-119, TCA, requires that: For any law enacted after July 1, 1986, which results in a net increase in periods of imprisonment in state

facilities, there shall be appropriated from recurring revenues the estimated operating cost of such law.